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Applicant's or agent's file reference JH/m1 003235	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/12886	International filing date (day/month/year) 18/12/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 16/12/1999
Applicant GROMOLL, Jörg et al.		

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2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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as suggested by the applicant.

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because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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PCT/EP 00/12886A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12Q1/68

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C12Q

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, MEDLINE, BIOSIS, EMBASE, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	HEIKOOP J C ET AL: "Infertility treatment by recombinant FSH" JOURNAL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 61, no. 3, 13 May 1998 (1998-05-13), pages 233-236, XP004128060 ISSN: 0168-1656 the whole document	11
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Y	<p>WO 97 11194 A (UNIV HELSINKI LICENSING ;CHAPELLE ALBERT DE (FI); AITTOMAEKI KRIST) 27 March 1997 (1997-03-27) the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	1-5,9,10
A	<p>JIANG M ET AL.: "The frequency of a inactivating point mutation (566C-T) of the human follicle-stimulating hormone receptor gene in four populations using allele-specific hybridization and time-resolved fluorometry" <i>JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM</i>, vol. 83, no. 12, 1998, pages 4338-4343, XP001023798 the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	
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A	<p>GROMOLL J ET AL: "AN ACTIVATING MUTATION OF THE FOLLICLE-STIMULATING HORMONE RECEPTOR AUTONAMOUSLY SUSTAINS SPERMATOGENESIS IN A HYPOPHYSECTOMIZED MAN"</p> <p>JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM, NEW YORK, NY, US, vol. 81, no. 4, 1 April 1996 (1996-04-01), pages 1367-1370, XP000609740 ISSN: 0021-972X the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	
A	<p>WO 98 34948 A (CORNELL RES FOUNDATION INC)</p> <p>13 August 1998 (1998-08-13)</p> <p>* see especially SEQ ID NO:25 *</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>-----</p>	

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